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AGENDA ITEM #4
 July 28, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
 Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
 Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles and Dr. Stoddard.

The following is data from the Maryland.gov website on July 26, 2020:

	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	July 20-26
STATEWIDE DATA								
Confirmed Positive Cases	78,685	79,545	80,172	80,836	81,766	83,045	83,748	5,063
Total Confirmed Deaths	3,252	3,272	3,276	3,281	3,293	3,304	3,309	57
Probable Deaths	130	130	129	128	129	131	131	1

	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	July 20-26
COUNTY DATA								
Confirmed Positive Cases	16,433	16,520	16,593	16,554	16,668	16,922	17,020	587
Total Confirmed Deaths	734	736	738	743	744	744	745	11
Probable Deaths	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	-

The following data is from the Montgomery County website as of July 24, 2020:

24-Jul-20						
CASES MoCo	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	625	502.3	579	485.8	1,204	494.2
18-49	4,427	2,080.4	4,515	2,039.7	8,942	2,059.6
50-64	1,868	1,873.5	1,737	1,567.0	3,605	1,712.1
65+	1,335	2,039.5	1,733	2,006.9	3,068	2,021.0
TOTAL	8,255	1,643.1	8,564	1,592.6	16,819	1,617.0

DEATHS MoCo	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-49	28	13.2	10	4.5	38	8.8
50-64	75	75.2	22	19.8	97	46.1
65+	292	446.1	317	367.1	609	401.2
TOTAL	395	78.6	349	64.9	744	71.5

MoCo Deaths	Count	Rate
White (NH)	343	76.0
Black (NH)	168	87.3
Asian (NH)	70	43.4
Hispanic	140	67.6
Other	23	NA
TOTAL	744	71.5

Montgomery County Metrics

Montgomery County has adopted the following metrics that will be used to determine when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities. Each metric is measured with a 3-day rolling average. The goal is to meet each metric for 14 of the last 14 days. As of July 26, 2020, the County was not meeting the sustained metrics for new cases, new deaths, hospitalizations, emergency room visits where people present with COVID related symptoms, and acute care bed capacity. Testing capacity is currently 7.3% of residents monthly. This exceeds the original goal of 5%.

COUNTY DASHBOARD METRICS	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
NEW CASES 3-day Rolling Average	93	90	74	74	83	110	122
In 4 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
NEW DEATHS 3-day Rolling Average	4	2	3	3	3	2	1
In 6 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
HOSPITALIZATIONS 3-day Rolling Average	83	82	85	91	93	95	NA
In 12 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							

COUNTY DASHBOARD METRICS	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
ICU COVID Patients 3-day rolling average	25	23	20	20	19	20	NA
In 14 of last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
Emergency Room Visits - COVID symptoms	6	6	6	6	6	6	NA
In 6 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
Acute Care Bed Capacity (goal = or < 70%)	68%	68%	69%	70%	72%	73%	NA
In 6 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
ICU Beds in Use (goal = or < 80%)	42%	42%	44%	47%	49%	49%	NA
In 14 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
Ventilators in Use (goals = or < 70%)	21%	21%	21%	20%	19%	18%	NA
In 14 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
TEST POSITIVITY RATE 3-day Rolling Average	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%	NA	NA
In 14 of last 14 days declining or sustained rate							
NUMBER of TESTS 3-days Rolling Average	2,654	2,785	3,498	3,166	3,807	NA	NA
(Goal = 5% of residents monthly. Current capacity 7.3%)							

The website now graphically reports the Rt factor (time varying reproduction number), If the Rt is less than 1.0 “the epidemic spreads; but limps along and disappears before everyone becomes infected. The most recent report on the website shows this below 1.0.

In addition, the County has stated the following as additional goals that should be achieved:

- Testing networks in place to offer high throughput testing.
- Leverage health care network to provide testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- Accessible testing options available across the County utilizing a diverse network of options, including health care providers, alternative test sites, mobile testing units, etc.
- Sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.
- Continuing current efforts and partnering with the State on a state-driven, large-scale contact tracing effort that will allow for contacting cases within 24 hours upon receipt of results and identified contacts within 48 hours.
- Compiling and using data by race, gender, age, geographic location to inform policy decisions related to health outcomes.
- Ability to disseminate information, programming, and policies that address the impact of social determinants of health on Covid-19 outcomes.

Links to County COVID-19 Website general and for Testing:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/>

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